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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 8 and 16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Eichstaedt et al. (US Patent 6,218,958) in view of Sato et al. (US Patent 6,331,965).

Regarding claims 1 and 16, Eichstaedt et al. disclose an accessory unit for alerting a user of an incoming call received by an associated wireless communication device, the accessory unit comprising:

a wireless communication circuit (see fig.2) configured to wirelessly receive information from the wireless communication device (see col.3 lines 60-61) ; and

an alerting device (12, fig.1) configured to signal (see col.1 lines 35-45, col.2 lines 14-17) the user when a call is received by the wireless communication device (22, fig.1).

Eichstaedt et al. fail to disclose a coupler configured to couple the accessory unit to a wristwatch.

In an analogous art, Sato et al. disclose a coupler configured to couple the accessory unit to a wristwatch (see col.21 lines 20-25, "band 203a" corresponds to "coupler"). Therefore, It

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would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Eichstaedt et al. with the above teaching of Sato et al. in order to provide the wearing means with the watch body giving no feeling of discomfort in an area containing the device when the device is put on around the user's wrist.

Regarding claim 8, Eichstaedt et al. disclose an incoming call alert system comprising: a wireless communication device, wherein the wireless communication device includes a primary wireless communication circuit and a secondary wireless communication circuit; and an accessory unit configured to alert a user of an incoming call at the primary wireless communication circuit of the wireless communication device, wherein the accessory unit includes: a wireless communication circuit wirelessly coupled to the secondary wireless communication circuit of the wireless communication device; and an alerting device configured to signal a user when a call is being received by the primary wireless communication circuit of the wireless communication device (see fig.1-3).

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In an analogous art, Sato et al. disclose a coupler configured to couple the accessory unit to a wristwatch (see col.21 lines 20-25, "band 203a" corresponds to "coupler"). Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Eichstaedt et al. with the above teaching of Sato et al. in order to provide the wearing means with the watch body giving no feeling of discomfort in an area containing the device when the device is put on around the user's wrist.

Regarding claims 2 and 9, the modified Eichstaedt et al. disclose the display permits the user to see the face of the wristwatch (see Sato et al., col.8 lines 36-45).

Regarding claims 3 and 10, the modified Eichstaedt discloses the display is generally planar, and the display covers and is generally parallel to the face of the wristwatch when the accessory unit is coupled to the wristwatch (see Sato et al., fig.24A).

Regarding claims 6, 13, 15 and 18, Eichstaedt et al. disclose identify the source of the call (see Sato et al, col.8 lines 16-24).

Regarding claims 4 and 11, the modified Eichstaedt disclose the display is a liquid crystal display (see Sato et al., col.8 lines 44-45).

Regarding claims 5, 12 and 19, the modified Eichstaedt disclose the alerting device includes a speaker (see Sato et al., 130, fig.4B)

Regarding claims 7 and 14, the modified Eichstaedt disclose the accessory unit includes a printed circuit board (see Sato et al., fig.4B, printed circuit board is inherent).

Regarding claim 20, the modified Eichstaedt et al. disclose a user can read the time from the wristwatch when the accessory unit is coupled to the wristwatch (see Sato et al., col.8 lines 36-37).

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tu Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-7883. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30AM-2:30PM.

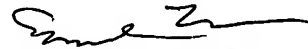
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban, can be reached at (571) 272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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